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FM AMEMBASSY GUATEMALA

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E.O. 11652 NA

TAGS: SWEL, GT

SUBJ: EARTHQUAKE

REF: GUATEMALA 704

1. HAVE CONFIRMED THAT ALL AMERICAN MISSION PERSONNEL ARE SAFE. AS FOR PCVS, ACTING PEACE CORPS DIRECTOR MENDOZA IS CHECKING IN GUATEMALACITY AREA AND WITH GOG AGENCIES FOR THOSE OUTSIDE GUATEMALA CITY. WILL REPORT ON PCV'S AS INFO BECOMES AVAILABLE.
2. NO REPORTS YET OF ANY DEATHS OF PRIVATE AMERICANS. WE UNDERSTAND FROM EYEWITNESS REPORT FROM AMERICAN DOCTOR WHO WAS AT HOTEL CONQUISTADOR THAT NO SERIOUS INJURIES AMONGST AMERICAN TOURISTS THERE. WE ARE CHECKING WITH OTHER MAJOR HOTELS. RECEIVING MANY REQUESTS FROM AMERICAN TOURISTS FOR NOTIFICATION OF THEIR FAMILIES WHICH WILL BE SENT SEPTEL. WE HAVE HAD SOME REPORTS THAT MANY AMERICAN TOURISTS HERE TRYING TO LEAVE EARLY. WE HAVE CHECKED WITH AIRPORT AUTHORITIES WHO STATE AIRPORT IS OPEN AND DEPARTURES TAKING PLACE NORMALLY.

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3. SOME STRUCTURAL DAMAGE TO CHANCERY, WITH QUITE

SEVERE CRACKS IN WALLS, AND SOME WATER DAMAGE.
EMBASSY DIRECT LINES 60349 AND 60366 TO AMBASSADOR'S
OFFICE NOW OPEN.

4. SEPTTEL FOLLOWS ON INITIAL DAMAGE ASSESSMENT.
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